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GETS AWAY WITH \$1,300,000. BANK PRESIDENT F. G. BIGELOW

He Is Arrested on Charge of Embezziement -Assistant Cashier Vanishes-Prompt Action of Capitalists Saves Bank From Ruin-They Pledge \$1,000,000.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 24 .- Frank G. Bigelow, president of the First National Bank of Milwaukee, ex-president of the Amerian Bankers' Association, director in half a score of corporations and custodian of e dozen estates, is a defaulter for \$1,300,000 of the bank's funds. That ruin did not overtake the bank is due chiefly to a statement, issued as soon as the news of the defalcation came, announcing that men representing \$20,000,000 of capital invested in Milwaukee had subscribed over \$1,800,000 to meet the shortage. This subscription comprises a claim against the bank which is to be subordinate to the claims of all depositors and other creditors.

In addition to this prompt step the presidents of several of the biggest banks in Chicago came to the rescue. After inspecting the condition of the bank they announced their willingness to aid the local institution with any sum necessary to prevent its suspension. As a result \$2,000,-000 was sent to Milwaukee from Chicago. The local banks aided by turning over currency to the First National.

Bigelow was arrested at 5 o'clock this afternoon at his home by the United States Marshal, T. B. Reid. He answered the ring of the marshal in person. The papers were procured by the United States District Attorney and Bigelow was evidently expecting the marshal, for he showed no surprise. He accompanied the marshal to the office of Commissioner Bloodgood, where he waived examination, declared he did not wish counsel and was released in bonds of \$25,000 furnished by his sonin-law, Arthur H. McGeoch, and Dr. H. M. Brown.

Meanwhile an effort was being made to find Henry T. Goll, the assistant cashier. who, it is alleged, was his accomplice. He was last seen within a block of the Northwestern depot, walking anxiously about as though waiting for some one, but whether he left the city is not known.

There seems to-night to be no danger that the bank will suspend. Local capitalists representing all the biggest business interests of the State bave issuedastatement that the bank is absolutely solvent. The only fear is that the panic among the depositors may spread to depositors in other institutions and make further trouble

Mr. Bigelow has been involved in so many financial transactions that only a close examination of his accounts will tell the whole story of the embezzlement. It is known, however, that he was able to misappropriate the bank's funds through a conspiracy among the officials of the bank, including bookkeepers and the assistant cashier.

This afternoon at the Federal building the warrant was issued for Mr. Bigelow the charge of embezzlement. the charge of embezzle-

Mr. Bigelow, it is alleged, drew large sums from the bank and charged the mounts to Chicago banks. By the aid of the bookkeepers he was able to cover his tracks until Friday night, when the shortage was discovered.

A meeting of the directors was held at once. On Saturday Chicago bank presivients were called in and arrangements made for the crisis to-day. When the news of the shortage became public property. bank was ready to pay all claims, and the mannouncement of its solvency, signed by prominent financiers, was displayed.

The inside story of the defalcation is the old story of gambling in wheat. Mr. Bigelow may be said to be a victim of the Gates collapse. His son was in a local commission house, operating on the Chicago ward, and through him much of the speculation was done. As soon as the details be rame known, the son, Gordon, was dismissed from the commission house. William G. Bigelow, brother of Frank and vice-president of the bank, is not involved in the Frouble, and has signed the \$1,600,000 guarantee, subscribing for \$100,000.

When the directors met and called Bigelow before them, he confessed and was dismissed from his post, as was Goll. Bigelow has turned over to the bank property exceeding in value \$300,000.

It is stated, reduces the shortage to \$1,100,000, sum equal to about the total of the sur plus and undivided profits of the bank. Among the subscribers to the guarantee Fund are C. F. Pfister, \$600,000; Fred Vogel,

Jr., \$300,000; John I. Biggs, \$300,000, and E. Mariner, \$100,000. The bank has a capital of \$1,100,000 paid in full. The directors have telegraphed the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington to send another bank examiner to Milwaukee to make most thorough examination.

It was decided by the directors on Sunday ato call into the council some of the leading bankers of Chicago, and they came to Mil waukee on night trains, arriving early this morning. Among them were James B. Forgan, president of the Chicago First National Bank; E. A. Hammill, president of the Chicago Corn Exchange National Bank, and Orson Sach, president of the

Merchants' Loan and Trust Company. It was nearly noon before the public searned of the situation A panic developed smong the depositors. Before this time the newspapers of the city had been called into consultation. As the First National Bank 1: the biggest financial institution in the Northwest, outside of Chicago, a general panic affecting every bank in the city was eared. The directors of the bank begged consideration from the newspapers, and by general agreement no extras were issued until the first street editions were put on sale at the usual time. The news spread like wildfire, despite these precautions. To-night in the streets leading to the savings department depositors are forming in line draw their money when the bank opens in the morning. Twenty policemen of the central station were detailed to assist in bandling the crowd.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon a line of people four deep extending along the north side of Wisconsin street half way to Broadway were awaiting an opportunity to gain an entrance to the institution. This is the main entrance to the bank, the savings department being on another street. The crowd was orderly and well behaved. The south side of Wisconsin street was packed by a crowd of spectators. The usual scenes of weeping women were witnessed in the jam of humanity. Several fainted and

insist upon having Burnett's Vanilla,-Ade.

just before his arrest: SPECULATED IN WHEAT.

"I do not wish to try to excuse my action at all, nor to say anything about motives I had no right to have. The big men in our board of directors will make the bank better and stronger than ever and they are entitled to all praise and confidence. My family has always been kept in ignorance of conditions and has not been to blame for methods of living.

signed statement was issued by Mr. Bigelow

The news that Mr. Bigelow was a defaulter was received with nothing short of astonishment by bankers here. The ocal correspondents of the Milwaukee bank are the Chemical, National Park, American Exchange and Merchants' National banks. The Milwaukee bank was rated as one of the largest in the Northwest and its local business was very large. Its custom was to make its checks payable for one week at one bank and the next week at another. At the Chemical, the National Park and the Merchants' banks it was stated that the Milwaukee bank had always kept large balances here, amply sufficient to cover its accounts.

The bank at the close of business yesterday was debtor to the American Exchange bank about \$6,000. It has over \$100,000 in securities to cover this.

The last Bank Reporter gives the capital of the bank at \$1,500,000, its loans as \$12,352,-370; deposits, \$13,015,750, and surplus and undivided profits, \$1,115,000. Its officers were Frank G. Bigelow, President, William Bigelow, his brother, vice-president, and Frank J. Kipp, cashier.

Mr. Bigelow, the President, has always taken a great interest in the American Bankers' Association and at the association's convention in New Orleans in the fall of 1903 was unanimously elected President of the association, serving until last September. As ex-president he is a member of the council of the association.

"Mr. Bigelow," said Charles D. Branch, secretary of the association, "was one of the most popular bank presidents of this country. He was regarded as an excellent financier and a model man. He is the last man in the world who would have been suspected of involving his bank in any transactions of his own. This affair has astounded everyone who knew him. There was absolutely no intimation here that he was engaged in any such thing."

Robert D. Covington, the local repre-sentative of the Stock Exchange house of Tracy & Co., said yesterday that Gordon Bigelow, a son of President Bigelow, had withdrawn from the firm. The firm would continue, he said, with William W. Tracy, the representative on the local exchange; Arthur N. McGeoch, the Milwaukee member; James C. James and himself. Mr. Tracy was in Chicago yesterday and telephoned, according to Mr. Covington, that the firm was in no way affected by President Bigelow's defalcation.

Mr. Covington said that he knew nothing about young Bigelow's speculations, but presumed that he had got out because of his father's defalcation. Tracy & Co have had a large Milwaukee business. some of the large capitalists of that city being among their customers. Mr. Covington said that he did not believe that the firm was caught in the wheat specula-

Weakness in the stock market in the last hour of trading following an earlier rally was largely ascribed to the Bigelow defalcation

CHICAGO, April 24.-Gordon Bigelow son of Frank G. Bigelow, was until this morning a member of the firm of Tracy & Co., bankers and brokers. When the head of the firm learned that Bigelow's father was involved, he called a meeting of his partners and it was decided that young Bigelow should cease his connection with the firm.

While members of Tracy & Co. declare they had no knowledge of speculations by the elder Bigelow the story leaked out that the Bigelows had lost almost the entire amount of the defalcation in the Gates wheat

NEW FUNSTON STORY.

Gen. Lee Tells How He Sent Him Home From Cuba-Had Enough of the War. HARTFORD, Conn., April 23.-Gen. Fitz hugh Lee told a story Saturday night at a dinner given in his honor by Adjutant Cole of Connecticut which he said he had never seen in print. The incident happened while he was at Havana and just before the Maine was blown up.

He was alone in his office when the doo opened to admit a visitor. The man had long hair, an unkempt beard and a gaunt appearance. His hat was full of holes, his shoes about all gone and he had no clothing except a linen duster. He approached Gen. Lee very cautiously and the latter instinctively grasped his revolver.

"If that fellow once put up his hand under his duster I am positive I would have shot him without waiting for a word," said Gen. Lee. "I was satisfied he was hired to come and kill me. When he approached to speaking distance he astonished me by asking in good English if I was Gen. Lee. I told him I was and asked him who he was. He said he belonged to the Cuban Army and was Gen. Gomez's chief of ar-He said he was from Kansas and had had enough of the Cubans.

"I told him he was taking his life in his

hands by coming into the Spanish lines and that if he were caught they would make quick work of him as a spy. He said he didn't care. I was satisfied that he was telling the truth and sent him out for a bath and a haircut. When he came back in a new suit of clother you wouldn't recognize new suit of clothes you wouldn't recognize

m as the same man.
"I got him aboard the Ward Line steamer next day without arousing any suspicion, and he was landed safely in the States. That man was Gen. Funston, who captured Aguinaldo."

THREATS TO POISON HORSES.

Man Charged With Exterting Money Fron Two Owners Locked Up.

Morris Miller, 22 years old, of 124 Houston street, was arrested last night by Policemen Tucker and McCarty of the Madison street station. Abram Weinberg of 33 Norfolk street says that Miller threatened to poison his horse unless he paid him \$5. On April 18, Weinberg says, he gave Miller the \$5.

the \$5.

Samuel Gore, another complainant, says that on the same date he gave Miller \$5 when Miller called at his house, 701 Sixth street. On April 22 Miller, it is charged, again demanded money and was given \$1 by each complainant. Later on, the same day, they may they were forced to pay \$5 more.

They then reported the case to the police Last night Miller, it is alleged, made another demand for meney and Weinberg gave him a marked five dollar bill in the presence

were carried to hospitals. The following RUSSIANS SAIL ON TO BATTLE

PART OF FLEET NOW OFF CHINESE ISLAND OF HAINAN.

Rojestvensky Left Some Ships at Kamranh Bay on Saturday-Third Squadron May Already Re in China Sea-Togo to Make Night Torpedo Boat Attacks

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. Hongkong, April 24.-The British war ships Glory, Centurion, Ocean, Hogue and Bonaventure have left for an unknown destination. Chinese confirm that some Russian cruisers and colliers are at the Island of Hainan (360 miles north of Kamranh Bay).

BANGHOL Cochin-China, April 23.-6:10 P. M. (via Hongkong, April 24.)-THE SUN correspondent arrived at Kamranh Bay to-day (Sunday), having come by boat from Saigon. Most of the vessels of the Russian fleet departed from Kamranh Bay at noon on Saturday. Eighteen were left, including the cruiser Svietlana, the hospital ship Orel, five German and other transports and a destroyer. The destroyer sailed to-day.

My boat, when thirty miles south of Kamranh Bay, at 10 o'clock this morning, was passed by nine large vessels. One battleship and one cruiser were distinguished. They were steaming north-northeast. It was probably the third Russian squadron.

It is said here that Admiral Rojestvensky, who was ill with dysentery, is better. SHANGHAI, April 24 .- A Japanese hospital

ship passed Saddle Island yesterday, bound London, April 25 .- The Hongkong correspondent of the Express says it is most unlikely that the Russian fleet will be able to get through the cordon established by

Admiral Togo. There have been no attacks by scout vessels. Admiral Togo has hitherto received most of his information concerning Admiral Rojestvensky's movements from spies ashore. These are stationed at every port in the China seas. They send every item of intelligence to Tokio, whence it is sent to Admiral Togo. The Japanese knew the Russians were leaving Kamranh Bay hours before the French Government knew

Admiral Togo also has fast scouting vessels covering a wide area at sea. It s believed that he is nearly in touch with the Russians. It is understood that he will make the fullest use of his torpedo boats, in which he is enormously stronger than Admiral Rojestvensky.

It is expected that he will attempt to sink the transports, and possibly some of the warships, in night attacks. A general action is more likely to be challenged by the Russians when in a tight corner than by the Japanese.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Manila ed off Corregidor Island were part of the Baltic fleet.

The Tokio correspondent of the Telegraph says that the Governor of Hainan has telegraphed to Pekin that the Baltic fleet is coaling off that island. It is probable, owing to China's feebleness, that the neutrality question will be raised again Chinese attention seems to be concentrated apon pursuading the interned Russian warships to remain at Shanghai. Japan is vigorously protesting against the preparations made by the cruiser Askold for flight.

A Russian hospital ship arrived at Batavia on Sunday. It is believed she is attached to Rear Admiral Niebogatoff's squadron. It seems that the Russians are using their hospital vessels for scouting purposes. It is stated that Niebogatoff's quadron will join the main Russian fleet about April 28.

DANGER ON INDIAN FRONTIER. Russia's Central Asian Army Greater Menace Than Ever, Says Bombay "Times." Special Cable Despaich to THE SUN.

BOMBAY, April 24.—The Times, commenting on the recent Liberal opposition in the British House of Commons to strengthening the northwestern frontier of India. says the Opposition does not realize the importance of the matter. It asserts that Russian army of 200,000 men is now concentrated in Central Asia, and that a Russian force is within striking distance of Herat. Afghanistan, which it could capture in s

The Afghan army has degenerated into mere rabble, and the whole country is losing the cohesion it possessed under the late Ameer. The hold of Habibullah Khan, the present Ameer, upon Afghan Turkestan, s steadily weakening. The completion of the Russian Orenburg Railway has revolutionized the whole situation, and the Russian central Asian army could walk over an unsupported Afghanistan without the slightest difficulty.

The need for watchful preparedness on the Indian frontier was never greater than

Russians in Corea

Special Cable Despatch to THE SU TOKIO, April 24.-It is stated that 8,000 Russians have crossed the Tumen River into Corea. The Russians have completed a light railway from Changehun to Kirin. Their cavalry is active.

TEAMSTERS STRIKE OFF.

Collapsed When United Garment Workers

Withdrew Their Support. CHICAGO, April 24 .- The strike of teamters against Montgomery, Ward & Co. has collapsed. Dissatisfied with the conduct of the strike, the leaders of the United Garment Workers to-night washed their hands of the entire business and will continue their fight against the National Wholesale Tailors' Association on their own

Realizing that they were defeated, the teamsters were glad to seize upon the preteamsters were glad to selze upon the pre-text to withdraw as gracefully as possible from the contest. President C. P. Shea of the International Brotherhood of Team-sters issued a statement to-night to the effect that the fight was off, but that none of the teamsters should return to work until ordered to do so by their local unions.

Latest Marine Intelligence, Agricul Se Futnersia, Ginegor, April 15

PEACE MOVES HELD UP.

Diplomats Walt Now for the Result of the Coming Sea Fight.

WASHINGTON, April 24.-Talk of peace in the Far East, so prevalent three weeks ago, seems to have entirely disappeared rom Government and diplomatic circles here, pending the engagement expected between the Russian and Japanese fleets. n the opinion of many officials the prospect of peace, following the engagement, will be dependent upon the decisiveness of

the victory by either Togo or Rojestvensky. If Togo should win, peace, it is believed rill be near, although it is not expected that Russia will show any haste in entering into negotiations following a defeat on the sea Rojestvensky is considered Russia's last hope, and it is not clear as to how Russia can carry on the war if he loses, unless the policy of a long drawn out contest on land

is carried out. A victory for Rojestvensky over the Japanese Admiral would put Japan in a tight place, and sooner or later, if Russia gained control of the sea, would force her to make

Since the Kamranh Bay incident it is quite possible that Washington will have more to do with peace [negotiations than heretofore. This Government, knowing that France was working diligently to oring the warring nations together, has kept out of it, but the attitude of France concerning the prolonged presence of the Russian fleet in French territorial waters has caused considerable tension with Japan, and Government officials here are not inclined to think that the Japanese hereafter will consider representations from France concerning peace. On the other hand, the United States Government has maintained an attitude of strict neutralify and enjoys the confidence of both of the belligerents. So far the United States has done little to bring about peace, notwithstanding the great desire of the President and his advisers that peace be declared.

The United States Government, in February, learned what purported to be the terms upon which Japan would make peace, and sent them informally to Russia. Nothing came from this move. Since then France has been active in her efforts to get Japan and Russia together, but without

2 MORE BEARS PULLED DOWN.

Thought That the President Shot One of Them-Treed After Long Chase. NEW CASTLE, Col., April 24.-Two brown Presidential party. Information to this

effect was telephoned here to-night from ranch in close proximity to the camp. It is assumed that one bear was shot by the President, although no light is thrown on this point The party started the hunt early this

morning after resting since Saturday, and the camp was transferred to the West Di-Tracks were found soon after the start to-day, according to the report received here, and the chase was a long one. The first bear was treed at Middle Mamm Creek and the second close to Dry Hole. Both points are a long distance from the

Courier Elmer Chapman is expected to-morrow night, when he will go to make an official report to Secretary Loeb, who states that it is believed that the warships | will in all probability return to the mountains with him. Mr. Roosevelt and his friends have had excellent luck so far bagging one grizzly, two brown bears and two bobcats. The last named animals are evidently the special hobby of Dr. Alexander Lambert, who is responsible for the taking of both of the untamed mountain cats.

CLEVELAND ON JEFFERSON. Ex-President Says He Feels "Like a Mourner

Whose Sorrow Should He Silent.' PRINCETON, N. J., April 24 .- President Grover Cleveland was seen to-day at his Princeton home and asked for a tribute to Joseph Jefferson, Mr. Cleveland seemed much moved as he spoke of his friend's death. He gave out the following state-

ment for publication: "It is difficult for me to speak of Mr. Jefferson. He was so closely my friend, his delightful traits were so made manifest to me in confidential intimacy and my love for him was so great that his death causes me to feel like a mourner whose

sorrow should be silent. "All knew my friend's professional supremacy and his conscientious service in professional work; many knew how zealously he defended dramatic art and how completely he illustrated the importance of its cleanliness; many knew how free he was from hatred, malice and all uncharitableness, but fewer knew how harmoniously his qualities of heart and mind and con-science blended in the creation of an honest

"I believe that in death he has reached a world where the mercy of God abounds and I know that in the world of men the sadness of his loss will be felt the most by

TWO YOUNG MEN MISSING.

They Are Believed to Have Been Carried Over the Horseshoe Falls on Saturday.

NIAGARA FALLS, April 24.-John and Thomas Knapp, former residents of the village of Chippewa, are missing, and fears are expressed by their friends that they met death by being carried over the Horseshoe Falls last Saturday afternoon. The Knapp brothers were great river men and spent their time fishing and boating above the Falls. Pieces of a boat supposed to be theirs were picked up on the lower river to-day, and this is taken as plain indication that the men were caught in the ice and current while out pulling their

Frank Shumaker and others who were along the upper river last Saturday after-noon at about 5 o'clock report having heard voices yelling for help far out on the river toward the Canadian side, and it is now believed that the yells came from the Knapp boys. Thomas Knapp was 35 years old and John Knapp 39. They were sons of Henry Knapp, who moved from Chippewa to the Muskoka region.

Alger Is Better.

two.

The city death rate for last week was DETROIT, Mich., April 24.—Senator Rus-0.56 per thousand, compared to 24.89 per sell A. Alger, who was stricken on a train last night en route to his home from Arizona, is greatly improved this morning and is up and around the house. His doctors diagnose the attack as acute indigestion. His friends are greatly alarmed, as he suffered a similar attack in Washington on March 1. The Senator laughs at their fears and says he will be all right in a day or

WHEN YOU ARE SICK DAR Dewey's Port Wine and Grape Julee. H. T. Dessey & Some Con. 186 Emban St., New York

BETS IN PARK ROW BUILDING. cussing Plans.

POLICE MAKE A POLITE RAID Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ON REAL ESTATE OFFICE. Occupant of the Highly Recommended Mr. Gans's Room Describes Himself to the Police as Joseph Morse, Cigarmaker-Police Bet by Telephone.

Finance. It was as decorous as a pink tea. If Capt. Hodgins and Detectives McGee. Howe, Raynes and Foster of the Oak street station had appeared in correct afternoon dress instead of the plain clothes of plain and simple cops the record of the event Thursday. might have been turned over to the society

clearly out of his jurisdiction. The agent of the Park Row Building, who says there are 5,000 tenants, declares that he knew nothing about the "alleged raid." as he was pleased to call it, until after he had been informed by the reporters. Even then he said that the man whose office it was alleged was raided had come into the building with the most irreproachable references, and these references had been

reporter. But as a poolroom raid it was

investigated and found all right. E. P. Gans, the tenant who was so courteously raided, was, so far as the agent knew, a real estate man. Capt. Hodgins took four men with him because he did not know how many men he might find betting on the horses in Mr. Gans's real estate office, 1035, tenth floor.

Mr. Gans moved into his room and had his sign painted on the glass of the door about a week ago. Capt. Hodgins heard about him, and yesterday Detective McGee. with the connivance of the telephone company, called up Mr. Gans on one of his phones, Nos. 8876 and 8877 Cortlandt. Mc-Gee said he was Mr. Morgan, and got Mr. Gans to place two bets for him, \$10 straight and \$10 for place, on Red Knight, running at Aqueduct. Then Capt. Hodgins and his plainclothes men went around to the big building and were shot up in the elevator

to the tenth floor. The captain rapped at Mr. Gans's door and a cheerful voice inside said, "Come The captain was somewhat surprised to find only one man. Mr. Gans apparently recognized one of the detectives, for he reached for a sheet of paper and tore it up before anybody could interfere. The detectives picked up the pieces and, putting them together, found what appeared to be memoranda of bets that Mr. Gans had taken over the phone. Mr. Gans submitted to arrest cheerfully. He went down bears were treed and slain to-day by the | an elevator unrecognized and not missed any more than a pony of beer out of

a large keg. At the Oak street station Mr. Gans decided that he had made a mistake in his name, so highly commended by the gentlemen who had indorsed him to the building's agent, and that he was really Joseph Morse, cigarmaker, of 1697 Lexington avenue. He was locked up in the Oak street station and will be arraigned in the Tombs court to-day.

GOT MURDERER BY CHANCE. Zolopse Confessed at the Sight of His

Victim's Hody. PHILADELPHIA, April 24.-Frank Meleito a shoemaker, was stabbed to death last night in the Christian street Italian colony. When the police found the body

there was a bloody knife beside it. On the strength of the story of a policeman's wife, who said she had seen the stabbing, they arrested Eustace Fortunatus a barber. Fortunatus was found trying to leap into the Delaware and the the police were sure they had the right

Another man had been with Fortunatus before the stabbing, and the police thought they'd like to have him as a witness. He is Antonion Zolopso of South Front street and not unlike Fortunatus in appearance.
Zolopso was found in bed at 2 o'cloc this morning and told that he was wanted as a witness. Instead of taking him to a police station the detectives carried him to the morgue to identify Meleito.

Zolopso evidently thought he was being taken to a police station. When he suddenly found himself looking down into the murdered man's face he gave a shrick and fell

dered man's face he gave a shriek and fell over in a faint.

When he was revived he put his hands over his eyes, and cried: "I did it. He was a traitor. I did it."

Zolopso had not been suspected of even seeing the murder. Afterward he made a full confession. He said that Meleito had been engaged in the manufacture of counterfeit coin, which he induced others to pass and share the profits. One of those who had been thus employed by Meleito who had been thus employed by Meleito was a brother-in-law of Zolopso. This man was arrested on the charge of passing the counterfeit money and was sent to prison.
Zolopso said he had implored Meleito to
furnish money to supply the accused man
with a lawyer and that Meleito had refused

Then he promised himself to Fortunatus could not explain why he tried to throw himself in the river and was held on general principles.

POLICE AT PEPPER MEETING. Not at His Request, but Other Interborough Men Said "Stay."

Three hundred members of the relief fund association of the employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company met at 142 West 125th street last night. When the police heard that George E. Pepper, president of the association, was to preside, Capt. McGlynn of the West 125th street station sent Sergt. Wolff and nine policemen to the hall, thinking there might be trouble. McGlynn had heard from several members of the association that Pepper is not very popular nowadays.

When Sergt. Wolff entered the hall with his men Pepper ordered him out. Wolff said he intended to stay until the meeting was over. Voices from all over the hall shouted to the police attention to Pepper. The meeting was tumultuous, although

the police saw no occasion to interfere Pepper and some of the members got int altercations, and Pepper was that at the next regular meeting of the association, one week from last night, he would be deposed.

Meningitis on the Decline

thousand for the corresponding week in 1904-a decrease of 4.33 points for the week, as shown by Board of Health figures given out yesterday. With the exception of erebro-spinal meningitis there was a decrease in all diseases from a year ago. There were 104 deaths from meningitis as against 59 for the corresponding week in 1904. Deaths from this disease for the last four weeks have been 131, 110, 117, 104. Deaths from pneumonia numbered 257 last week.

SCHWAB TO REBUILD CZAR'S NAVY At Least He is Now in St. Petershirg Dis

St. Petersburg, April 24.-Charles M. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel Works, who arrived here on Saturday from Cannes, has had several conferences with Grand Duke Alexis, Commander-in-Chief of the Navy, Vice-Admiral Avellan, Minister of Marine, and Mr. Kokovtsoff, Minister of

When questioned concerning his mission here Mr. Schwab admitted that important business had been discussed, but said it vas too delicate to allow him to communicate its nature. He will return to Cannes on

Charles R. Flint of New York, whose repesentative here has furnished the Ministry of Marine with important supplies during the past year, is also here, coming from Ber-

It is believed that Mr. Schwab was sum noned to St. Petersburg to discuss his possible participation in the future Russian naval programme. It is rumored that he has been invited to erect shipyards at some Baltic

PRESIDENT DIAZ'S AIDE SHOT. Accident During Hunting Trip of Mexico's Chief Executive.

MEXICO CITY, April 24.-During the deer hunting trip of President Diaz and party near Chapala José Epinosa, aide to the President, was accidentally shot in the head. President Diaz was standing near when the accident occurred and he gave the wounded man his personal attention.

KILLED BOY, WENT CRAZY.

Struck Him by Accident With Baseball Bat-Attempts Suloide Three Times. ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 24.—Ten-year-old Alfred Moyer was killed in a game of baseball to-day by Forrest Sterner, aged 43 years, who later attempted suicide and has since become a raving maniac. The boy was trying to steal home as Sterner struck at the ball. Moyer received the full force of the bat and died in a few minutes. Sterner ran to a nearby creek and tried three times to drown himself, being saved each time by neighbors.

UNION SUED FOR \$1,000,000. Eight Cripple Creek Mine Companies Get

After Western Federation.

DENVER, Col., April 24.-Suits for damages aggregating \$1,000,000 have been filed by eight Cripple Creek mine companies and the United States Reduction and Refining Company against the Western Federation of Miners and its officers. The Reduction Company, being a foreign corporation, has filed its suit in the United States Court, but the others filed theirs in the District Court.

The suits are the outcome of the strike in the Cripple Creek district. The petitions allege conspiracy on the part of Moyer, Haywood and others and of the federation as an organization to injure the property and business of the plaintiffs.

SUICIDE AT NIAGARA.

Man Seen to Leap Into the River and Go Over the American Falls. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., April 24.—At noon o-day a man, apparently 55 years old, ridge and shortly afterward was seen lodged on a rock by three men. As they hurried toward him, he plunged off into the current and again started down stream. As he neared Goat Island bridge his head struck a rock and blood flowed. In five minutes he was swept over the brink of the American falls, fifty feet out from shore. He wore dark clothes, a derby hat and had gray hair and mus ache.

is no clue as yet to his identity. PLANNING REVOLT IN CRETE. Powers' Refusal to Permit Union With

Greece Makes Situation More Serious. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN CANEA, Crete, April 24.-The Powers brough their Consuls, having formally reused to recognize the Assembly's action in declaring a union with Greece, the latter has appointed a committee of ten to confer with the revolutionary leaders at Therisso in regard to taking common action.

MINISTER AND WIFE POISONED. He is Dead and She is Dying-Strychnin Put in Their Food.

RICHMOND, Va., April 24.-At Accomag Court House to-day the Rev. George Wiliams, a colored Methodist minister, is dead land his wife is dying. They were poisoned by strychnin, which was placed in their food by some unknown person.

LAWYER ROTGER ARRESTED. Accused of Grand Larceny in Appropriating

Money Entrusted to Him. Harry Rotger, a young lawyer, whose home is on the Merrick road, Jamaica, was arrested yesterday at the law offices of William L. Mathot, 99 Nassau street, Manhattan, by Detectives Graft and Tillman of Jamaica for grandlarceny made by Michael Higgins of Jamaica before Magistrate Healy at Far Rockaway. The arrest followed a final effort to effect the restoration of \$1,650 which Rotger is alleged to have converted to his own use.

Higgins is executor of the estate of his wife, Annie. She left two stepsons, Luke and Joe, who now sell newspapers. They and their father were to share the estate. home is on the Merrick road, Jamaica, was

and Joe, who now sell newspapers. They and their father were to share the estate. The money was in the Bank of Long Island and Higgins alleges that Rotger induced him to draw it and entrust it to him to deposit in the Jamaica Savings Bank. It it alleged that Rotger was false to the trust.

BLAZE ON ELEVENTH STORY.

soon Put Out With Aid of Condict Building Standpipes, Though Bad at the Start, An automatic fire alarm called the fire-

men at 11 o'clock last night to the Condict Building, a thirteen story structure at 65 and 69 Bleecker street. The fire was on the eleventh floor and it looked like a bad The building is equipped with standpipes and every fire fighting appliance, and the fire was soon extinguished. It started in the offices of M. L. Geffen & Bros., skirt blaze from the street.

SEASIDE HOME FOR R. CROKER, JR. Also a \$10,000 Kennet on Block He Has

Bought at Deal Beach, N. J. ASBURY PARK, N. J., April 24.-Richard Croker, Jr. has purchased from the Atlantic Coast Realty Company a block of land at Deal on which he will erect a \$50,000 summer

GRAY FOR ALEXANDER'S PLACE

DELAWARE JUDGE SAID TO BE FRICK COMMITTEE'S CHOICE.

J. Hill Not Active With the Investigators -Frick's Ties With Harriman-Policyholder Brings Ownership of the Sur-

plus Before United States Court. Several important disclosures were made esterday in the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, the two most in-

teresting perhaps being: First-That the members of the Frick ommittee have about decided to offer the presidency of the company to ex-United States Senator, now United States Circuit Judge, George Gray of Wilmington, Del. and.

Second-That James J. Hill has declined from the day of his appointment to act with the members of the committee in the "stockholders' investigation" of the society's affairs, or in any way to participate in that investigation, and thereby hangs a tale. JAMES J. HILL KEEPS OUT OF IT.

On the day that the Frick committee was named to make this investigation Mr. Hill for the first time in years, turned up at the neeting of the stockholders. Mr. Hill had been a stockholder and a large policy holder in the society for twenty-five years and he listened to the speeches of those present. Young Mr. Hyde spoke for the stockholders; so did Edward H. Harriman, although he holds but five shares, through the escrow arrangement with young Mr Hyde, and is a policyholder of six weeks standing. Nobody has disclosed the amount of the policy or the name of the medical examiner of the society who passed Mr. Harriman. Gage E. Tarbell spoke for the agents, and finally Mr. Hill make a speech to the effect that inasmuch as the stockholders and the agents had been represented in the meeting he thought it would be a good thing if the 600,000 policyholders who supplied the income of \$60,000,000 annually to the society could have a word said for them. They represented, he said, the real backbone of the society far more than any stockholder or any set of stockholders, for without them the value of the stock would be little or nothing and the

Equitable would be but a name. Mr. Hill promptly got himself disliked for presuming to speak up for such humble persons as the policyholders and although he was put on the Frick committee, he saw that a majority of his associates were more interested for the stockholders than for the policyholders, and he quit.

FRICK RETAINS KNOX.

It was learned yesterday that Mr. Harriman himself wanted to be chairman of the stockholders' committee, but this was thought to be inadvisable, and so Henry C. Frick was put at the head of the committee and he promptly retained ex-United States Attorney-General, now United States Senator, Philander C. Knox of Pittsburg as counsel for the committee, which is not to make a report of its investigation for

another month. Meanwhile Supt. Hendricks's investigation as conducted by his chief deputy Robert H. Hunter is pegging along, Attorney-General Mayer refuses to give a decision in the petition of a dozen policyholders for permission to bring suit against the leaped into the river above Goat Island | society or to hand over to Supt. Hendricks of the State Insurance Department a report on the proposed amended charter agreed to by young Mr. Hyde and his friends with the investigation committee of policyholders, Gov. Higgins refuses to see to it that the Insurance Department carries out the function for which it was established—the protection of policyholders and the preservation of the financial integrity of the State in insurance matters-and all this delay and procrastination is explained by the statement that the authorities at Albany are awaiting the report of the Frick committee, which is not to be

> made for a month at least. PRICK STANDS FOR HARRIMAN ELSEWHERE Since the appointment of Mr. Frick to be chairman of the committee, after it was thought inexpedient or inadvisable to name Mr. Harriman, efforts have been made to get at the relations, if any existed, between Mr. Harriman and Mr. Frick, and the interest in this matter came from the desire of the policyholders to understand just where they are at and if the control of the stock of the society is to be put in the hands of men whose connection with it will be a guarantee that a thorough house-

cleaning has taken place.

Chairman Frick is one of Mr. Harriman's right hand directors in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, on whose securities the Equitable has made heavy loans, and of which it has made gigantic purchases since Mr. Harriman became associated with young Mr. Hyde in the management of the society's finances. Several months ago, when the Union Pacific directors purchased 25,000 shares of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé railroad stock, Mr. Harriman of the Union Pacific demanded of the Atchison directors that he be made a director on the Atchison board. The directors of the latter road, Victor Morawetz of New York and others, declined Mr. Harriman's proposition. They didn't explain to him the reason, but Mr. Harriman, it was explained, has a way of getting into directorates and instantly attempting to seize the reins of management, just as he has done in the Equitable, and his conduct had been so objectionable on this score that the Atchison folks said to him, "No, we can't take you as a director, but in view of the purchase of the 25,000 shares of Atchison stock we will permit you to name a director in our board."

"I name Henry C. Frick," replied Mr. Harriman, and so Mr. Prick is Mr. Harris man's representative in the Atchison board of directors. All this was told not in criticism of Mr. Frick, but in order to demonstrate the intimate ties which have bound Mr. Harriman and Mr. Frick and because of the struggle that is now a house hold word in America and Europe on the part of the Harriman-Hyde directorate of the Equitable to hold on to the management of the Equitable's finances and the handling of the \$60,000,000 annual revenue which has been coming in from the policyholders as well as the surplus and assets of the society.

KILLING THE GOOSE THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN EGG.

"Mr. Hyde and Mr. Harriman cannot yet see," one man interested said yesterday, "that this struggle is daily lessening the receipts from policyholders and that from pneumonia numbered 257 last week.

residence, which, it is said he intends as a lifet is kept up, or if it is not estisfactorily and thoroughly settled to the beneat of the policyholders, there won't be \$80,000,000. if it is kept up, or if it is not astisfactorily